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November 9, 2015

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

RE: In re: Condemnation of 7.9 Acres of Land with the Improvements Thereon Located at 1725 Walnut Avenue, Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania of which Tank Car Corporation of America is the Owner Montgomery County Tax Parcel No: 52-00-17821-00-1

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to our records, you are a condemnee, mortgagee, or lienholder of record with regard to the above-referenced property. As such, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code, enclosed please find for service upon you Notice of Condemnation of the above-referenced property. Thank you very much and have a nice day.

Very truly yours,

JÓSEPH M. BLACKBURN

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Enclosure

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IN RE: CONDEMNATION OF  $7.9 \pm$ ACRES OF LAND THE **IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AT 1725** WALNUT AVENUE. SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, : PENNSYLVANIA, OF WHICH TANK CAR CORPORATION OF AMERICA IS THE OWNER AND CONDEMNEE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

No. 2015-28935

PROCEEDING IN REM EMINENT DOMAIN

#### NOTICE OF FILING OF DECLARATION OF TAKING

To: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III:

In accordance with Section 305 of the Eminent Domain Code of Pennsylvania, 26 Pa.C.S.A. §305, the Township of Springfield (hereinafter "Township") notifies you that:

- 1. A Declaration of Taking, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A", was filed on October 30, 2015 in the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County at the above court term and number, whereupon a fee simple absolute interest in premises located at 1725 Walnut Avenue, Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania was condemned by the Township, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania 19038. Identification of the property which was condemned appears on Exhibit "B" of the Declaration of Taking.
- 2. The property, of which Tank Car Corporation of America was the owner, has been condemned for the public purpose of making, establishing, enlarging, and maintaining public parks,

playgrounds, and recreation areas within the Township, as authorized by the First Class Township Code, Article XIX, 53 P.S. §56901, and Article XXX, 53 P.S. §58001.

- 3. On September 8, 2015, the Board of Commissioners of the Township adopted Resolution No. 1357, whereby the Board selected and appropriated said premises and directed the filing of a Declaration of Taking for the public purpose of making, establishing, enlarging, and maintaining public parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas within the Township, which Resolution may be examined at the office of the Condemnor, 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania 19038.
- 4. A plan depicting the condemned property is attached to the Declaration of Taking as Exhibit "B".
- 5. A plan depicting the condemned property may also be inspected at the office of the Recorder of Deeds of and for the County of Montgomery, One Montgomery Plaza, Third Floor, Suite 303, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19404.
- 6. Just compensation for the condemnation of said premises is secured by the power of taxation of the Township, whereupon the funds raised, or lawful to be so raised, are deemed pledged and made security for the payment of the damages as shall be determined by law.
- 7. If you wish to challenge the power or the right of the Township to appropriate the condemned property, the sufficiency of the security, the procedure followed by the Condemnor, or the Declaration of Taking, you are required to file preliminary objections within thirty (30) days after being served with this Notice. All defenses and objections not so presented are waived.

[Signature page to follow]

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SPRINGFIELD

**CORPORATION** OF TANK CAR AMERICA, CONDEMNEE 1252 Fort Washington Avenue Fort Washington, PA 19034

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

No. 2015- 08935

PROCEEDING IN REM **EMINENT DOMAIN** 

### DECLARATION OF TAKING

Springfield Township hereby files this Declaration of Taking based on the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 302, of the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code ("Code"), 26 Pa.C.S. §302, and in support thereof represents the following:

- 1. The Condemnor is Springfield Township ("Township"), a township of the first class, duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through its Board of Commissioners, with an office located at 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania 19038.
- Condemnor has resolved to condemn approximately 7.9± acres of land and the 2. improvements thereon, located at 1725 Walnut Avenue, in Springfield Township, Montgomery

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County, Pennsylvania, being located on, in and through Montgomery County Tax Parcel Identification No. 52-00-17821-00-1 (the "Property").

- This condemnation is authorized by the First Class Township Code, Article XIX,
   P.S. §56901, and Article XXX, 53 P.S. §58001.
- 4. The taking described herein has been authorized by Township Resolution No. 1357, which was duly adopted by the Township Board of Commissioners on September 8, 2015. A true and correct copy of said Resolution is attached hereto, made a part hereof and is marked as Exhibit "A". The original of said Resolution and the record of its adoption may be examined at the above-identified office of the Township during normal business hours.
- 5. The purpose of the within condemnation is to acquire the Property described above and in the attached exhibits for the public purpose of making, establishing, enlarging, and maintaining public parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas within the Township.
- 6. A plan depicting the Property sufficiently enough for its identification is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "B". The plan showing the Property is on even date herewith being recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Montgomery County in accordance with §304 of the Code, and may also be inspected at the above-identified office of the Township.
  - 7. The nature of the title acquired in and to the Property is fee simple absolute.
- 8. Just compensation for the taking of the Property in this matter is secured by the power of taxation of the Township, and the funds raised, or lawfully to be so raised, are deemed pledged and are hereby made security for the payment of damages as shall be determined by law.

WHEREFORE, the Township of Springfield declares the within-described Property condemned and appropriated for the public purposes mentioned herein.

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Bv:

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Township of Springfield, Condemnor

Date: October 30, 2015

### **VERIFICATION**

I, Donald E. Berger, Jr., Secretary and Township Manager of Springfield Township, do hereby depose, swear and affirm that I am authorized by and do hereby execute this Declaration of Taking on behalf of the Township of Springfield, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and that the averments contained and set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and are made subject to penalties provided in 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Donald E. Berger, Jr.

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EXHIBIT "A"

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#### TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1357**

AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON LOCATED AT 1725 WALNUT AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §55101, et seq., Sections 56901 and 58001, grant Townships of the First Class the authority to acquire property via condemnation for the public purpose of making, establishing, enlarging, and maintaining public parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield's ("Township") 2008 Park and Recreation Connections Plan, 2014 Comprehensive Plan, and 2005 Open Space Plan each identify a Township objective of acquiring additional properties for the public purpose of making, establishing, enlarging, and maintaining public parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, the Township's 2008 Park and Recreation Connections Plan and 2005 Open Space Plan each specifically identify that parcel of land located at 1725 Walnut Avenue, Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, being Montgomery County tax parcel number 52-00-17821-00-1 (the "Property"), as a property that would be desirable and suitable for acquisition for the public purpose of making, establishing, enlarging, and maintaining public parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, the Township, being a Township of the First Class, has determined that it is in its best interest of the public to acquire the Property for the public purpose of making, establishing, enlarging, and maintaining public parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas, and for other municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township (the "Board") intends to authorize the acquisition of the Property through condemnation for the public purpose of making, establishing, enlarging, and maintaining public parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas, and for other municipal purposes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board hereby authorizes the condemnation in fee simple of the entirety of the Property for the public purpose of making, establishing, enlarging, and maintaining public parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas, and for other municipal purposes. Further, the Board authorizes the Township Solicitor to prepare and file the appropriate documents in order to accomplish the same and the Township Manager is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to accomplish the same.

[Signature page to follow]

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

By:

JAMES E. DAILEY, PRESIDENT

Attest:

DONALD E. BERGER, JR., SECRETARY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 1357 was unanimously adopted by the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board held on September 8, 2015, and that same has been duly recorded in the official Minute Book of the

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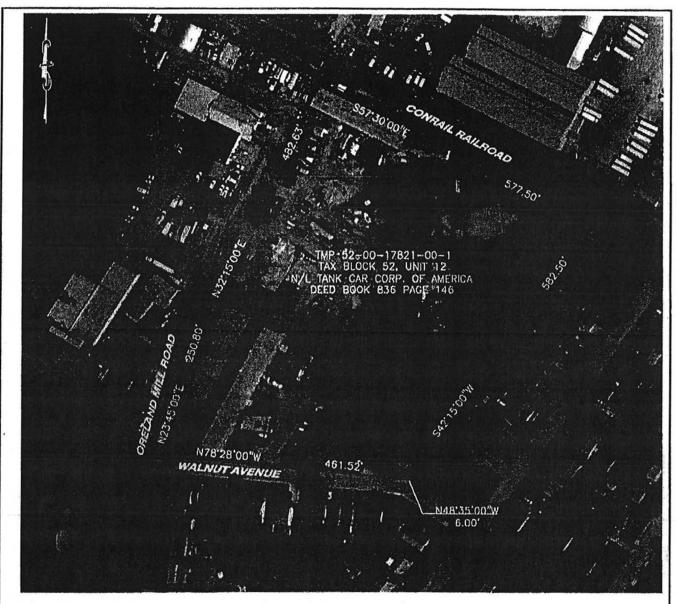
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Mark Levy - MontCo Prothonotary

EXHIBIT "B"

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## **GENERAL NOTES:**

BOUNDARY INFORMATION TAKEN FROM CHELTENHAM TRANSPORTATION, LLC LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SHEET 1 OF 6)
DATED APRIL 9, 2015 PREPARED BY PROTRACT ENGINEERING, INC. EXISTING FEATURES INFORMATION FROM
DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2010 AERIAL IMAGE.

2. PROPERTY INFORMATION:

TAX PARCEL NO. 52-00-17821-00-1
TAX BLOCK 52, UNIT 12
DEED BOOK 836, PAGE 146
1725 WALNUT AVENUE, ORELAND, PA 19075
TOTAL LOT AREA: 335,526 SF (7.7026 AC.)
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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

## SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

1510 PAPER MILL ROAD WYNDMOOR, PA 19038

## SITE LOCATION MAP

Boucher & James, Inc.
C O N S U L T I N G E N G I N E E R S
DOYLESTOWN STROUDSBURG
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS: 1458 FERRY RD, BLOC. 5D0
DOYLESTOWN. PA 18901



DR. BY: TMW CK. BY: MWE SCALE: 1" = 150' DATE: 09/11/2015 JOB No. SHEET: 1 OF 1